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For: REGISTRATION OF FLUID CIRCUIT COMPONENTS IN A BLOOD  
TREATMENT DEVICE

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**RESPONSE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 18, 2008, Applicants offer the  
accompanying Remarks.

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.